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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marc R. Anderson; Larry N. Stewart; Howard M. Kingston  
Assignee: Metara, Inc.  
Title: Automated In-Process Ratio Mass Spectrometry For Trace Components Of A Process Solution (as amended)  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the  
Office Action mailed March 14, 2005.

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